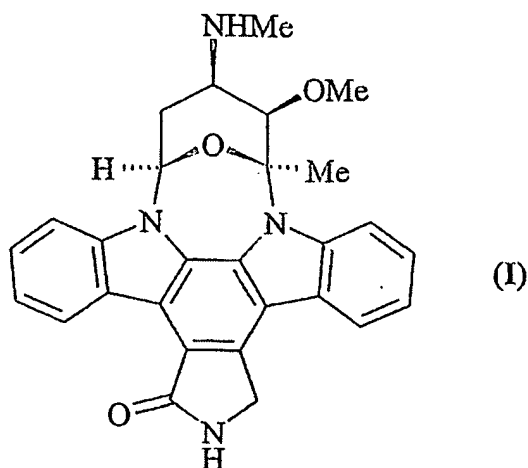


Amendments To The Claims

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process ~~Process~~ for the recovery of staurosporine of the formula:



from a fermentation broth comprising the steps of:

- i) adding a water-miscible organic solvent A to the fermentation broth [I.];
- ii) ultrafiltering the dilute fermentation broth obtained in step i) [I.];
- iii) optionally diafiltrating the retentate obtained in step ii with a mixture of a water and a water-miscible organic solvent B, and optionally combining the permeates of the ultrafiltration and the diafiltration;
- iv) optionally adjusting the pH of the permeate obtained in step ~~step~~ ii) and or step iii) to at least 8.5 [I.];
- v) concentrating the permeate ~~permeates obtained in steps ii) and iii)~~ until the ~~water miscible organic solvents A and B are almost completely removed~~;

vi) adjusting the pH of the concentrate obtained in step v) to at least pH 8.5, unless the pH of said concentrate is already at least 8.5; and
vii) collecting the precipitated staurosporine obtained in step vi).

Claim 2 (Original): The process of claim 1 wherein the water-miscible organic solvents A and B are identical or different and are selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₃-alcohols, *tert*-butanol, acetone and tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 3 (Original): The process of claim 2, wherein the water-miscible organic solvents A and B are identical or different and are selected from the group consisting of methanol, acetone and tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 4 (Original): The process of claim 3 wherein the water-miscible organic solvents A and B are identical and are tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process of ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 4 wherein the ratio of fermentation broth/water-miscible solvent A is between 5:1 and 0.5:1 (w/w).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process of ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 5 wherein the ratio of water/water-miscible organic solvent B of the mixture of water and water-miscible organic solvent B is between 5:1 and 0.5:1 (w/w).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process of ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 6 wherein the pH of the permeates obtained in steps ii) and iii) is adjusted to at least 8.5.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process of ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 7 wherein the pH of the concentrate is adjusted to at least 10.0.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process of ~~one of claims 1 to claim 8~~ wherein precipitated staurosporine (I) is collected by centrifugation.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The process of claim 9 wherein staurosporine (I) obtained in step vii) is recrystallized from a suitable solvent system.

Claim 11 (Original): The process of claim 10 wherein the solvent system is selected from the group consisting of acetone, an acetone/water mixture and a tetrahydrofuran/methanol mixture.

Claim 12 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the ratio of fermentation in broth/water-miscible solvent A is between 5:1 and 0.5:1 (w/w).

Claim 13 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the ratio of water/water-miscible organic solvent B of the mixture of water and water-miscible organic solvent B is between 5:1 and 0.5:1 (w/w).

Claim 14 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the pH of the permeates obtained in steps ii) and iii) is adjusted to at least 8.5.

Claim 15 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the pH of the concentrate is adjusted to at least 10.0.

Claim 16 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein precipitated staurosporine (I) is collected by centrifugation.

Claim 17 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein staurosporine (I) obtained in step vii) is recrystallized from a suitable solvent system.

Claim 18 (New): The process of claim 10 wherein the solvent system is selected from the group consisting of acetone, an acetone/water mixture and a tetrahydrofuran/methanol mixture.